

## Prey, Jeff J - DNR

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**From:** Zajackowski, Paul - DNR  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 02, 2016 8:40 PM  
**To:** Oglesby, Kenneth J SFC USARMY 88 RSC (US)  
**Subject:** RE: BLUE MOUNDS STATE PARK TRAILS

Dear Mr. Oglesby,

Thank you for commenting on the November 2015 Blue Mound State Park Master Plan Amendment. The public comment period for this amendment closed on December 16, 2015. It will be documented that your comment was received after this date. Thank you again for commenting.

Respectfully,

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Paul Zajackowski  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Oglesby, Kenneth J SFC USARMY 88 RSC (US) [<mailto:kenneth.j.oglesby.mil@mail.mil>]  
Sent: Wednesday, November 02, 2016 10:54 AM  
To: Zajackowski, Paul - DNR  
Subject: BLUE MOUNDS STATE PARK TRAILS

Sir,

I am writing to say that I support the proposed snowmobile trail as listed in the November 2015 Blue Mound State Park Amendment and Map as long as that route is allowed to connect to the trail system on the north side of the park above Ryan Road.

Thank you,

Very Respectfully,

Kenneth J. Oglesby  
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**From:** Ross, Laurie J - DNR  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 09, 2016 3:38 PM  
**To:** Prey, Jeff J - DNR  
**Subject:** FW: Blue Mound State Park comments - Archibald re snowmobile trail

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**From:** Ross, Laurie J - DNR  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 09, 2016 3:37 PM  
**To:** 'Judy Archibald'  
**Subject:** Blue Mound State Park comments - Archibald re snowmobile trail

Your comments will be distributed to the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board as well as to appropriate department staff. On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank you for your comments regarding a proposed snowmobile trail through Blue Mound State Park. Please note that the master plan reconsideration is expected to be on the Board's January 25, 2017 meeting agenda.

Best regards,

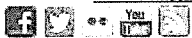
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**From:** Judy Archibald [<mailto:judyjeffarchibald@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Sunday, November 06, 2016 9:22 AM  
**To:** Ross, Laurie J - DNR  
**Subject:** Snowmobile trail in Blue Mounds State Park

To the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed snowmobile trail through Blue Mounds State Park, a decision which the board will revisit this December. My main concerns are the following:

1. The snowmobile trail would require a revision of the very popular Pleasure Valley cross country ski trail. Unfortunately, Wisconsin winters are 3-4 weeks shorter due to climate change. Higher average winter temperatures result in only a *few days per year* that snowmobiling in southern Wisconsin can occur. Cross country skiing doesn't require the same depth of snow, allowing for *several months per year* of trail use. Rerouting the ski trail as planned would result in poorer snow conditions due to more exposure to wind and sun, a concern noted by the Madison Nordic Ski Club during the open commentary period last year.

2. Preliminary results of the 2016 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan indicates "cross country skiing to be the most egalitarian recreational activity across demographics, including age, geography (both urban and rural) and gender." Permanently changing the Blue Mounds trail system for a few days per year to benefit a small number of people doesn't seem fair nor a wise use of our resources. Dangers of high speed vehicles passing through this park are a serious potential problem to any users on foot during the winter season.

Thanks for your attention in this matter,

Judy Archibald  
314 Thompson St.  
Verona, WI 53593

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**From:** Ross, Laurie J - DNR  
**Sent:** Friday, November 18, 2016 4:05 PM  
**To:** Brusoe, Diane M - DNR  
**Cc:** Prey, Jeff J - DNR; Dick, James F - DNR  
**Subject:** FW: Will snowmobile trail at Blue Mound SP be on NRB meeting Dec. 14?

Just an fyi

Jim, I included you since he works freelance with Isthmus.

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**From:** Ross, Laurie J - DNR  
**Sent:** Friday, November 18, 2016 4:04 PM  
**To:** 'Joel Patenaude'  
**Subject:** RE: Will snowmobile trail at Blue Mound SP be on NRB meeting Dec. 14?

Hi Joel,

Thanks for your email regarding Blue Mound State Park. This item will not be added to the Board's December 14 meeting agenda. However, it is expected to be on the January 24-25, 2017 meeting agenda (location: DNR Central Office, 101 S. Webster Street, Madison).

Best regards,

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**From:** Joel Patenaude [<mailto:jtpatenaude@hotmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 18, 2016 11:41 AM  
**To:** Ross, Laurie J - DNR  
**Subject:** Will snowmobile trail at Blue Mound SP be on NRB meeting Dec. 14?

Ms Ross,

In late October, the *Wisconsin State Journal* reported that the DNR intended to put the decision to allow construction of a snowmobile trail back before the Natural Resources Board at its December meeting. Here's the story:

[http://host.madison.com/wsj/news/local/govt-and-politics/bowing-to-pressure-dnr-board-will-revisit-blue-mound-snowmobiles/article\\_22a35894-0697-5b54-b9c0-e3ad276d9c26.html](http://host.madison.com/wsj/news/local/govt-and-politics/bowing-to-pressure-dnr-board-will-revisit-blue-mound-snowmobiles/article_22a35894-0697-5b54-b9c0-e3ad276d9c26.html)

I do not, however, see the issue on the NRB December 14 meeting agenda posted here:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/About/NRB/2016/December/December-2016-NRB-agenda.html>

Will the issue be added to the agenda or dealt with at another time?

Thank you for your help clearing this up.

Joel Patenaude  
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Freelance Writer, *Isthmus*  
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